

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A control panel for an automotive vehicle, comprising:
a frame structure that is force-absorbing determined by a grid profile to arrange and constructed from linear elements extending along force flow lines, areas of the frame structure which are delimited by the linear elements being sealed at least partially by plastic sheet elements, the areas being covered with a decorative layer, the sheet elements being connected to the linear elements by an integral material connection, the frame structure being directly connected to at least one of an end wall and a body of the vehicle, the frame structure being constructed such that a cross-member arranged between A-columns of the vehicle is dispensable and the frame structure is made of fibres bonded with a thermoplastic material.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The control panel according to claim 11, wherein the linear elements, when installed in the control panel, have a cross-section selected from one of a U-shaped cross-section, a round cross-section, an oval cross-section and a polygonal cross-section.

14. (Previously Presented) The control panel according to claim 11, wherein each of the linear elements is a strip of a honeycomb sandwich structure.

15. (Previously Presented) The control panel according to claim 11, wherein the decorative layer covers substantially an entire surface of an upper side of the control panel.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing of a control panel for an automotive vehicle, comprising:
- providing a frame structure constructed from linear elements, areas of the frame structure being delimited by linear elements being sealed at least partially by plastic sheet elements; and
 - covering the areas with a decorative layer,
- wherein the frame structure is constructed such that a cross-member arranged between the A-columns of the vehicle is dispensable and the frame structure is directly connected to at least one of an end wall and a body of the vehicle, and an integral connection between the linear elements and the plastic sheet elements is achieved by surrounding the linear elements with a plastic material in a moulding tool thereby forming the integrally connected plastic sheet elements.

17-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the linear elements are a prefabricated self-supporting frame.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the linear elements are individual pieces.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the linear elements are one of bundles of continuous fibres and strips of mat material, the mat material being embodied as a fabric, the fabric being one of a single-layer fabric and a multilayer fabric, the fabric being one of a non-woven fabric and a woven fabric.

23-24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) A method for manufacturing a control panel for an automotive vehicle by defining areas to be cut out of a cuboid representing the cockpit region and defining loads on the cuboid to form the control panel, comprising:
- determining a main force flow in the remaining cuboid by modeling a grid profile with grid lines along which linear elements of a frame structure of the control panel are to be arranged and providing bridging areas between the linear elements, such that a cross member is dispensable and the frame structure of the control panel is to be directly connected to at least one of an end wall and a body of the vehicle; and producing the thereby defined control panel in a moulding tool.